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DIA FOR AA-2 AND DI-5

1. THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF STATEMENT ISSUED EVENING
OF JUNE 13 BY PRESIDENT LEONE: "THE PRESIDENT OF THE
REPUBLIC, HAVING FINISHED (HIS) CONSULTATIONS, IN THE FACE
OF THE GRAVITY OF THE ECONOMIC SITUATION AND THE RECOGNIZED
NECESSITY TO ADOPT NECESSARY INITIATIVES WHICH SERVE TO
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FACILITATE ECONOMIC REVIVAL WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY, DOES NOT

ACCEPT THE RESIGNATIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT AND INVITES IT, IN THE HIGHER INTERESTS OF THE COUNTRY, TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO REACH AN ACCORD."

2. THIS MORNING PRIME MINISTER RUMOR MADE THE FOLLOWING DECLARATION: "BOWING TO THE DECISION OF THE CHIEF OF STATE AND UPON THE COURSE INDICATED BY IT, I AM SETTING OUT TO MAKE THE NECESSARY CONTACTS WITH THE POLITICAL FORCES WHICH CONSTITUTE THE GOVERNMENT MAJORITY."

3. THE OFFICIAL CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT DAILY, /IL POPOLO/, HAS REACTED TO LEONE'S DECISION BY CALLING UPON THE PARTIES OF THE MAJORITY TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO REACH AN AGREEMENT IN ORDER TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEMS OF THE COUNTRY AND AGREEING THAT RUMOR IS THE PERSON MOST APPROPRIATE AND QUALIFIED TO RESOLVE THE CRISIS. SOCIALIST PARTY ORGAN, /AVANTI/, WELCOMED LEONE INITIATIVE, BUT REITERATES "WITHOUT ARROGANCE OR ULTIMATIVE TONES" THAT PSI CANNOT PERMIT BURDEN OF RECOVERY "TO FALL UPON SHOULDERS OF THE WORKERS, IN TERMS NOT OF AUSTERITY BUT OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND HUNGER."

4. COMMUNIST PARTY DAILY, /L'UNITA', IN COMMENTARY LACED WITH INVECTIVE AGAINST DC PARTY SECRETARY FANFANI, CHARGES THAT LEONE'S DECISION IS BASED ON THE INABILITY OF THE DC TO SELECT AN ALTERNATIVE CANDIDATE, AND SAYS THAT IN ANY CASE, "THE CREDIBILITY OF AN AGREEMENT AMONG THOSE SAME (PEOPLE) WHO A FEW DAYS AGO, CONSIDERED (SUCH AN ACCORD) IMPOSSIBLE WOULD BE VERY FRAGILE. MORE THAN EVER IT IS RECOGNIZED THAT THE COUNTRY HAS THE NEED FOR A PROFOUND CHANGE OF DIRECTION."

5. COMMENTS BASED ON EMBASSY SOUNDINGS WILL FOLLOW SEPTTEL.BEAUDRY

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